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—TRY the Calendar Watch, something new, just received at T. M. Blossat's.

—ENGLISH Female Bitters cures all irregular or excessive monthly secretions, leucorrhoea or whites, chlorosis or green sickness, palpitation, weak back, etc.

—Mr. Arthur, as President, will of course draw the \$50,000 salary, yet the President pro tem of the Senate will not be entitled to the salary of Vice-President.

—"I'd laugh if I should fall and break my neck," jestingly remarked James Maloney, of Tappan, N. Y., while in the act of descending from a large pear tree. The next moment he lay upon the ground with his neck broken. But he didn't laugh. What infernal liars some men are.—Ex.

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—He took six nauseating pills for constipation. They pained, sickened and gripped him all next day. He lost his appetite, lost a day from business and was left quite feeble.—His neighbor, who was also suffering from constipation, took one dose of Bailey's Saline Aperient. It cooled and cleansed his stomach, moved his bowels gently, and the next morning he felt bright and happy.

The man who treats and goes away, Can stand a treat some other day; But he who treats, and then retreats, Is victimized by bar-room beats. —[Oil City Derrick.]

SET BACK 42 YEARS.—"I was troubled for many years with Kidney Complaint, Gravel, etc.; my blood became thin; I was dull and inactive; could hardly crawl about; was an old worn out man all over; could get nothing to help me, until I got Hop Bitters, and now I am a boy again. My blood and Kidneys are all right, and I am as active as a man of 30, although I am 72, and I have no doubt it will do as well for others of my age. It is worth a trial.—(Father).—[Sunday Mercury.]

—"A PRINCE OF BREFFEN" is the title of Mr. Thomas P. May's new novel, which is in press and shortly to be published by T. B. Peterson and Brothers, of Philadelphia, Pa.—The hero of this charming book was a famous Irish soldier of fortune and the first Spanish Governor of Louisiana. The book has a clearly defined, healthful value, while the author's power of narrative is remarkable, and the work will amply repay perusal. We cheerfully recommend it to all.

DID HIM GOOD.—Mr. Charles H. Bauer, editor of the New York Union and Notary Public, in a late issue mentions the following: Patrick Kenney, Esq., some time ago, suffered much from rheumatism and tried almost every means to rid himself of this painful evil, but in vain. He was advised to use St. Jacobs Oil, which he did so successfully, that all pain has left him and he is as healthy and strong as ever before.—Mr. Kenney is an enthusiastic advocate of St. Jacobs Oil, and it has done him good.

—THE New York Herald speaking of the organization of the United States Senate when it shall be called together makes use of the following brief, pointed, philosophical and common sense remarks:

"The Democrats will have three majority in the Senate and can complete the organization before the New York Senators and the new Senator from Rhode Island are admitted. The suggestion that the Democrats should waive this majority—a suggestion which some of our Republican friends commend as 'patriotic'—does not seem to meet with favor. Nor does it possess the essential element of common sense. The Republicans lose two Senators by a political har-kari and one by the act of God.

"The Democrats are in no way responsible. The power they have comes to them honorably. It is not only their privilege but their duty to use it. Politics are not sentimentalism, but hard-headed business. If the Democrats meet in the Senate with a majority of three they should use that majority like hard-headed business men—honestly, with patriotic regard for the country, and at the same time for whatever political advantages may accrue from it."

TOO PREVIOUS.

Far be it from us to disturb the equanimity and sanguine hopefulness of the people that the new President will prove superior to the influence of the faction to which he has been hitherto attached, and will rise to the full dignity and responsibility of the chief magistracy of the whole people of this great Republic. Nor would we withhold from his administration that charity and patient waiting for further developments to which all public officials are entitled before passing judgment or expressing an estimate of the spirit, intent and character of their acts.

On the other hand, our apprehension that those eminent citizens who hasten to communicate to the people their unbounded confidence in and full endorsement of the high qualities of the new President, and declare their belief that his administration will be a broadly national one, and especially will be characterized by a freedom from those unfriendly sentiments manifested towards the South by the faction of which he was the representative in our last electoral contest, that such precipitate manifestations especially by Democratic chieftains border on, what the English are wont to describe by the adjective, "bumptious," and in New England as "overly peart," and more expressively still throughout the country, by the recently invented phrase heading this article.

These gushing exhibitions of politicians are as indiscreet and imprudent as the opposite course of a condemnation in advance and a declaration of war against the new Administration based on an anticipation of his course and acts. We think that the advice of Cromwell to his followers "to watch and pray, but keep their powder dry," embraced a far wiser statesmanship in reference to political functionaries. Eternal vigilance, which, as Jefferson expressed it, is the price of Liberty, should not be lulled or diverted by these too hasty utterances of an *a priori* confidence in politicians.

There has been no indication thus far of the intents of Mr. Arthur to justify any conclusion or support any prediction as to his political and Presidential course. His past political history does not furnish any encouragement of the expectation of his disconnection from and elevation above the very narrow and debased spirit and policy upon which his faction waged a bitter war against the late Administration.

Whether or to what extent he will subordinate his administration to the narrow and corrupt policy of partisanship maintained by his faction, is at present too much involved in the obscurity of the future to render it safe and wise for any Democrat, at least, to indulge in prejudgments and endorsements of *couleur de rose* character of certain too impulsive and sanguine citizens.—[New Orleans States.]

—It has been frequently asked if the President pro tem of the Senate has the casting vote in the event of a tie. He has not. His name is called on the roll with that of other members, and he answers to it as Mr. Bayard, or Mr. Anthony, or whatever it may be. If there is a tie vote when the Vice-President of the United States is not in the chair, the proposition is lost. This frequently happened under Andrew Johnson's administration, when a condition of affairs similar to the present existed as to the Presidency of the Senate. The President pro tem of the Senate is not ex-officio Vice-President of the United States, although he is the "heir apparent" to the presidency; hence he does not exercise the constitutional prerogative of the Vice-President in the matter of the casting vote.

—PRESIDENT Arthur is fifty one years old, and is fully six feet tall. He is described as having a full, florid face, a double chin, a moustache, now growing gray, and bushy side whiskers wholly disconnected from his moustache. He might easily pass for an Englishman, especially if he dressed at all like one. He, however, dresses in modern fashion, and hitherto has been a little loud in his attire, especially as to the cut of his coat, the color of his necktie and the material of his pantaloons. He is said to be prepossessing in manners, and makes friends rapidly.

TOBIAS TAKES A TRIP TO THE PINEWOODS.

DEAR DEMOCRAT:—

Business called me to the pinewoods last week and I propose to tell you of some of the things I saw and heard while I was gone. Within six miles of the bustling, active, pushing, thriving Town we pride ourselves upon calling the future city and railroad center, is to be found a civilization two hundred years behind the march of progress that marks the nineteenth century. "WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS, ETC." Cross the river, go through Pineville's long and picturesque one street, and take your choice of either of the five roads that branch out just beyond and in one hour's travel behind as good a pair of ponies as I had on Friday evening last, you will find yourself amid surroundings as different from those you have just left as is day from night—as wholly different in their manner of living, in their ideas of comfort, in their apprehension of the ends and aims of life and in all that goes to make up the difference between progress and stand still, as if an ocean instead of a small river rolled between them and us. And yet one may stop to enquire if, after all, they are not happier than we. Where wants are few and easily supplied and all beyond the simple routine of sleeping, eating, working and sleeping again is a *terra incognita*; and where labor brings a hearty appetite, where freedom from temptation gives a clear conscience and where there are no unsatisfied longings, no reachings after things beyond one's grasp, it may well be, that they are, notwithstanding our boasted civilization, really better off than we.

HOSPITALITY IN THE PINEWOODS. Some of us could learn a wholesome lesson in hospitality from our neighbors who live in the hills where the glad breezes blow so cheerily and where the rippling waters laugh so merrily. Come at ever so unseasonable an hour and no frowns meet you from the busy housewife. Her duties are few and simple and with rare good sense, she does not allow your coming to interfere with them. The good man of the house is ready to greet you with a warm welcome, to attend to your present wants and care for your "critter," and then if he has something else to do he goes along and does it. A visitor does not feel uncomfortable at the thought of having inconvenienced either of them and he feels at home. This is true hospitality, and if some other people who give themselves so much trouble to entertain a guest as to make him feel like a culprit, were to travel around and have to receive as well as dispense hospitality, they would soon learn that they are right in the pinewoods.

A TRIAL IN THE PINEWOODS. The business that carried me from home was to attend to a trial before a Magistrate ever so far away, in a case where there was nine dollars' worth of hogs in controversy. I am ashamed to tell you what the lawyers charged—for there were two of them, but the other one came from Colfax; but it was several times more than the value of the hogs. When people get at "logger-heads" they don't count the cost, and a law suit is one of the expensive luxuries in which the pinewoods' people sometimes indulge. Everybody within a radius of ten miles was there either as a witness or as interested spectators, and a trial in that neighborhood of the woods with a lawyer on either side was a new revelation to some of them. Ye lawyers twain were in glory, ye clients both were in fear and trembling, and ye crowd was in eager expectation at the commencement, during the progress and at the close of the trial. I can't take time to tell you all about the trial, but may do so in a separate article some time, but I must tell you that my man won the hogs and got \$13 damages out of the other "feller," and that I am "laying for" that Colfax lawyer for making me lose my dinner.

"THE WILD FLIGHT OF THE LOVERS, OR, THE TERRIBLE TEST OF TRUE LOVE." CHAPTER IV.

The lions had nearly reached Araminta and Algernon, and they had given themselves up for lost when another of those happy inspirations struck him, and seeing plenty of trees around them, he assisted her to climb one which had low branches and he had barely time to swing himself out of their reach when the lions, snapping and snarling, surrounded the tree. After a little when the sun got above the tree tops they discovered that they had during the night travelled across the island and that they were now on the other coast. The ocean was spread out before them. They had been in the tree some hours when they discovered a ship sailing by and they made signals of distress which were speedily answered and a

boat's crew well armed having killed or run the lions away, they were taken aboard and carried to the ship. As soon as they were safe the hunger which had been held in check by the rapid adventures they had had, asserted itself and they were furnished and enjoyed the first "square meal" they had had since the beginning of their wild flight. They were again congratulating themselves that their trials were over when that night a terrible storm arose and it was soon apparent that the ship would be wrecked. Algernon to provide for such a contingency constructed a raft and lashed Araminta and himself to it. He had barely time to complete it when the ship went down and they found themselves at midnight adrift on the wide ocean with only a frail raft between them and Eternity. When day dawned again and the storm had somewhat abated, they discovered a new danger. All around them were the terrible man eaters of the sea, sharks! sharks! sharks!!!

BABIES. I saw a baby out in the Pinewoods which set me to philosophizing. It had a sheepskin for a cradle and a shuck for a rattle, and it sat on the gallery and amused itself for an hour. It had no nurse except the mother and it did not feel the loss of one. It was six months old and was beginning to make ready to cut teeth.—This I discovered by its use of its thumb in the place of the civilized baby's ivory or pearl ring. Babies soon learn to accommodate themselves to their surroundings and it is amusing and is sometimes instructive, to watch the early development of human nature. A house without a baby must be a lonesome place. For keeping things lively you can safely trust to the baby. The young man who has first had the sweet heart, then the wife, and lastly the baby has run through the gamut of the blessings of life. But I haven't time to exhaust the subject; and as I always have to do must bring this to an abrupt conclusion. Yours truly, TOBIAS.

WAR REMINISCENCES.

In 1864 the Federal fleet, commanded by Admiral Porter, was caught above the Falls at Alexandria, on Red River, by the low water and could not pass over though threatened with destruction by the Confederates who were in hot pursuit. A council composed of officers of the army and navy as to the propriety of destroying this fleet in case no plan could be suggested by which the water could be raised sufficient to let it float over. During this conference the engineers had failed to suggest any plan, when a volunteer officer, Capt. Bailey, of a Wisconsin regiment, proposed the building of a crib dam across the lower falls, which would raise the water sufficient for the purpose. Capt. Bailey had been a raftsmen on the Wisconsin river and had often resorted to this means to pass shoal places. His plan was adopted, and after working five days and nights the dam was built and the water raised 30 inches, which allowed the whole fleet to pass in safety. The manner of building the dam was as follows: The cribs were made of pine trees, 30 feet long, and were 20 feet wide and 12 feet deep. They were then loaded with stone, bags of sand, bricks and iron, and were sunk in a parallel line on the lower falls, and forming a complete line across the river, a gap having been left for the fleet to pass.—[N. O. Democrat.]

—THE Democratic Senator who, on the 10th of October, shall slop so far over in sentimental gush as to vote for a Republican, featherhead or stalwart, as president of the Senate, should lose no time in burning his bridges behind him, but go right on into the Republican party, like Mahone has, and stay there. It was through the treachery of Mahone, and the corruption of the Republican party the Democrats lost control of the Senate in the late extra session. And if they do not now, under the circumstances, avail themselves of the blunders of their opponents and of other legitimate opportunities to regain a power of such vast importance to the future welfare of the party and the country, they should at once acknowledge that Democratic principles are non-essential to government policy and not worth contending for. That would be about the size of it.—[Vicksburg Commercial.]

STATE OF LOUISIANA, District Court—Parish of Rapides. No. 376. SUCCESSION OF JAMES A. RING. Gold. Notice is hereby given to all whom it doth or may concern that Pintard H. Hynson, Administrator of the above numbered and entitled succession has this day filed therein his provisional account and tableau of distribution, and that the same will be approved and homologated unless opposition is made thereto within the delay prescribed by law. By order of the Court: Given under hand and seal of office at Alexandria, La., on this 4th day of October, A. D. 1881. C. L. RANDELL, Deputy Clerk. Oct. 5.

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